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Projects: **IP-134**

OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

Project Initiation Memorandum

Date: 22 June 1950

To: **D/FE**

From: Publications Division, Projects Planning

Subject: **Chang Hsu-liang ("Young Marshall")**

Statement of Project:

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Origin: Internal (Case [REDACTED])

Problem: To furnish an evaluation of subject's prestige in China

Scope: To include subject's political and military strength and actual ~~on~~ potential power

Graphics (if any):

Form: Memorandum

Draft due in D/Pub: As soon as convenient

Responsible Division: D/FE

Dissemination deadline
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Internal Coordination: --

Departmental Responsibilities: --

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MEMORANDUM FOR : D/Pub, ORE

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ATTENTION : 

SUBJECT : Chang Hsu-liang ("Young Marshall")

REFERENCE :  25X1A

1. It is requested that you furnish this office with an evaluation of the extent of subject's personal prestige in China, both at the present time and in the past.

2. It is further requested that the report include in detail, an evaluation of subject's political and military strength, and actual or potential power.

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4. For your information,  of this office (Extension 3215) is acquainted with this request.

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Date 28 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, PUBLICATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Transmission of ~~4/4/74~~ Report

ENCLOSURE: Record of D/FE-OPC Conversation (IP-134) "CHANG Hsueh-liang"

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1. Enclosure is forwarded herewith for review and, if required, for formal coordination with the departmental intelligence organizations.

None

2. This draft report has been coordinated informally with the organizations checked below:

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None

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Record of D/FE-OPC Conversation, 26 June 1950

SUBJECT: CHANG Hsueh-liang

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Participants: OPC: [REDACTED]

D/FE-ORE: [REDACTED] 25X1A

Question under Discussion: Extent of CHANG Hsueh-liang's personal prestige in China.

CHANG Hsueh-liang, former Manchurian warlord, has been politically and militarily inactive since his troops "kidnapped" CHIANG Kai-shek in the abortive Sian coup of December, 1936. Thereafter CHANG was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and although subsequently pardoned, he is still in Nationalist custody somewhere in Taiwan. This long period of enforced "retirement" and the transformation of Manchuria and North China into Communist strongholds have virtually destroyed CHANG's personal prestige.

Since V-J Day the Chinese Communists, with whom CHANG was cooperating at the time of the Sian incident, have sometime agitated for his release, notably during the Nationalist-Communist negotiations of 1946-1947 encouraged by General Marshall. Likewise, certain Democratic League groups, which are now closely affiliated with the Communist regime, tried unsuccessfully to bring about CHANG's return to Manchuria.

CHANG has long since been separated from the remnants of his Manchurian troops which withdrew into North China upon the Japanese occupation of Manchuria. In 1946 one of his younger brothers, CHANG Hsueh-shih, appeared in Manchuria as an ally of the Chinese Communists. However, the Communists soon consolidated

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their hold on Manchuria and they have not permitted such allies as the younger CHANG to exercise independent military or political power. Any of Chang's other relatives or personal followers who remain in Manchuria likewise are under strong Communist control.

There is no reliable evidence to indicate that CHANG Hsueh-liang now has any considerable prestige in Manchuria. Moreover, under present circumstances the Chinese Communists probably would exploit whatever vestiges of his prestige still remain. In any case the Communists have the capability, barring a drastic and unlikely change in the situation, of dealing effectively with any of the Chang leaders who might attempt to resume an independent role in Manchuria or North China.

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